



**MINUTES – MEC REGULAR MEETING
4:00P.M. – 5:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010
PIMA COUNTY LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM,
101 N. STONE AVE., TUCSON, ARIZONA**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dr. Louis Albert, Bill Ardern, Malena Barajas, Dr. Kent Barrabee, George Favela, Dr. Mari Helen High, Ann Huber, Dr. Paul Kohn, Daisy R. Pitel, Jo Riester, Jo Ann Sayre, Lisa Silveiro, Laura Shaw, Dr. Jay St. John, Chris Walden-Jones, Dr. June Webb-Vignery, Pat Wiedhopf.

NON-COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edward Nossem, Karla Garcia, Fran Embrey Senechal, Ed Stolmaker, Matt Kopec, Amanda Kucich, Abra McAndrew, Jack Camper (panel), Richard Ducote (panel), Colleen Niccum (panel), & community attendees.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – DR. LOUIS ALBERT

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF JANUARY, 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT – BILL ARDERN

ASSETS:

Current Assets:	\$154,894.09
Fixed Assets:	<u>1,619.84</u>
Total Assets:	156,513.93

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Current Liabilities:	\$ 15,001.13
Total Equity:	<u>141,512.80</u>
Total L & E:	156,513.93

Motion to approve January 2009 Financial Report: Dr. Kent Barrabee

Second: Ann Huber, Dr. Paul Kohn

Motion carried 16 to 0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12, 2009 & JANUARY 20, 2010 MEETING MINUTES – DR. LOUIS ALBERT

Motion to Approve the December 12, 2009 & January 20, 2010 MEC Meeting Minutes:

George Favela

Second: Dr. Jay St. John

Motion carried 16 to 0.

4.0 MEC RESOLUTION ON CITY FUNDING

After discussion, the MEC approved a Resolution to be placed before the City Council for adoption, stating that the Metropolitan Education Commission calls upon Tucson Mayor and Council to maintain the Metropolitan Education Commission funding in support of education and the health and safety of our community.

Copies of the Resolution are available from the MEC office.

Motion to approve: Dr. Jay St. John

Second: George Favela

Motion carried 16 to 0.

5.0 MEC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the 2010-2011 MEC Executive Committee was put to a vote: Pat Wiedhopf (Chair); Raul Nido, & Dr. Jay St. John.

Motion to Approve: George Favela

Second: Mari Helen High

Motion carried 16-0.

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Budget – Bill Ardern

The budget is tracking appropriately, given current conditions. We are looking to develop funding for RCAC expansion in 2010-2011; June and Karla are going to Phoenix on February 25th to present to the AZ Department of Commerce for the next round of Federal Challenge Grant funds.

6.2 Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon –Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The 20th Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, April 30, 2009, at the Desert Diamond Hotel & Casino. We have 21 tables so far, including one Gold Sponsor (University of Phoenix) and four Patron Sponsors (Cox Communications, Tohono O’odham Nation, U/A College of Education, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona. Congressman Raul Grijalva will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award; the other awardees are: Teacher Awards – Barbara Tingle, Sahuarita Primary School and Cynthia Rolewski, La Cima Middle School; Counselor Award – Teresa Toro, Pueblo High School; and Youth Award – Luisa Diaz, Project MORE.

6.3 Appointments – Pat Wiedhopf

Abbie Stone and Nicole Haan have resigned the MEC. Dr. Daisy Rodriguez Pitel has been nominated to replace Maria Hooker representing the Pan Asian Community, and Javier Herrera has been nominated to replace Richard Fimbres representing the Hispanic Community.

Motion to approve Daisy Rodriguez Pitel & Javier Herrera: Dr. Louis Albert

Second: Dr. Kent Barrabee

Motion carried 16-0.

6.4 YAC/TTC – Fran Embrey Senechal

The Transition Fair will take place on March 3, 2010, at Catalina High School.

The LULAC Youth Leadership Conference & Career Fair will take place on

March 16 (middle school attendees) and 17th (high school attendees); preparations are on track. Patsy Torres & band has been confirmed to provide entertainment. We have had over 100 submissions for the Goal One: Graduate! Poster Contest; and the YAC/TTC will select a winner at their next meeting. The Outstanding Teen Citizens have been selected. They are: David Alvarez, Calle Olin High School; Natalee Dawson, Salpointe Catholic High School; Luisa Diaz, Project MORE (CAA Recipient); Stephanie Liu, Magee Middle School; Chance Mora, Rincon High School; Alfredo Perez, ACE Charter High School; Jon Russas, Sahuarita High School; Renee C. Valencia, Sunnyside High School; Bryanna Vawter, Marana High School; and Rodney Zinyemba, Palo Verde High School. The students have selected the Crystal Apple School Counselor Honoree - Teresa Toro, Pueblo High School. The Teen Town Hall will take place on April 8th, location TBD, probably at El Rio Neighborhood Center. Regina Romero & Richard Elias will cosponsor the event, pending date confirmation from Supervisor Elias. The topic this year will be homeless teens & education strategies for them.

6.5 Issues – George Favela / Karla Garcia (RCAC) (Karla Garcia not in attendance)

Nancy Montoya from International Media is launching a series for KGUN-9 TV presenting positive stories on public education in Pima County, and has invited the MEC to partner in the project. – this is an excellent opportunity for visibility for us. Nancy will be utilizing students from Amphi High School's Digital Futures program for production.

RCAC: The Strategic Planning Committee is preparing a first draft of a Five-Year Plan; Mary Jondrow of Pima/Santa Cruz Tech Prep Consortium is the Chair. To date the RCAC website has 2,008 student accounts, 268 school counselor accounts, 16,972 website hits, and has had 173 walk ins/appointments.

6.6 2010 Census – Malena Barajas

The MEC is the education representative on the Census Complete Count Committee. Malena brought census-related items to the meeting for MEC dissemination to their constituencies. There are specialists working with the school districts to assist with hard-to count populations attending schools; demographics will play a crucial role in the Census' success. Thanks to Dr. Jay St. John for arranging a meeting with the School Superintendents Collaborative.

6.7 Key to Employment Workshop – Dr. June Webb-Vignery

The Workshop took place on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at the Tucson International Airport. This event was our most successful to date, with 1,000 students and 100 teachers registered. Exhibitors presented on high tech careers, using interactive displays and Exploratoriums. The Steering Committee did an excellent job with planning and preparation for the event, resulting in very positive feedback from students, teachers, sponsors, exhibitors, and the Tucson Airport Authority. Students were especially attentive and engaged in the event. A very special thanks to Steve Peters for his hard work and commitment to fundraising and event preparation.

5.0 MEC 20th ANNIVERSARY EVENT: BUSINESS & EDUCATION PANEL

The panelists were: Colleen M. Niccum, VP, Communications & External Affairs, Raytheon Missile Systems; Richard Ducote, Community Affairs Manager/Southern Arizona,

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold; and Jack Camper, President and CEO, Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Transcripts of the panel forum are available from the MEC office.

6.0 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No action.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Jay St. John

Second: Bill Ardern

The motion passed 16-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.